

ABSTRACT

5           A product metering napkin dispenser includes a housing defining a storage  
magazine for receiving a stack of folded napkins and a metering member that  
penetrates the stack in order to segregate a predetermined number of napkins from the  
remainder of the stack for dispensing. Preferred embodiments include gravity feed  
napkin dispensers. In various embodiments the metering member may include: a  
10   pivoting plate cooperating with a hinged trap door support surface; a rotating  
semicircular disk co-rotating with a support disk; or a reciprocating jaw assembly  
urging napkins through an aperture.

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